This idea is insanely stupid. If you have any respect for the consumer/citizen you will deny this request by media corporations. Telling the consumer that they can no longer do something that they have been able to do for 20 years, is unacceptable.

If faced with a future of watching HDTV only when the networks say and can , I will choose not to participate in the move to HDTV. The onset of PVRs has changed the way people watch TV and the industry must deal with it. But while PVRs are elegant and convenient, VHS has provided the ability to do this for decades already, but not as easily.

I will not go back to only being allowed to watch TV when "they" say. I will save the money I would have to spend on an HDTV and go buy some books.

The only reason for the FCC to agree to mandating copy protection for HDTV is that we have a government totally beholden to the corporations. That better not be the \$#%@#\$% case.

Oh and BTW, I'm a Republican saying the corporations have too much power. Its time for you to step up to the plate and do something too few federal agencies are doing and PRESERVE THE CITIZENS RIGHTS!!